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RIVERTON, ALA., SEPT. 13, 1900.

The officers and delegates of the Fourth Annual Session of the Colbert Association of Missionary Baptist Churches, met with Riverton Baptist Church on Thursday, before the third Sunday in September, 1900. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Bro. A. J. Ivie, and at the appointed hour, 11 o'clock a. m., the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Roberts, alternate, as Bro. A. W. Briscoe did not arrive on time for this service. A very interesting sermon was preached by Bro. Roberts.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m. the delegates assembled in the Church. After a short Devotional Exercise, the Moderator called the body to order for business.

ORGANIZATION.

Electing of new officers for the ensuing year was in order. The Moderator stated that the following officers were to be elected to serve another twelve months, to-wit: A moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer.

It was then moved and carried that the Clerk cast the vote for Bro. A. J. Ivie for the office of Moderator, which was done, and he

was declared this Association's Moderator for the term of one year. It was then moved and carried that A. J. Ivie, Moderator, cast the vote of this body for C. A. Womble as its Association Clerk for term ending September 1901. Moved and carried that Bro. A. J. Ivie, Moderator, cast the vote of the Association, assembled, for Judge A L. Moody for the office of Treasurer, which was done, and he was declared the Treasurer of this Association for the term of one year.

The following Church letters received and delegates enrolled.

Tuscumbia, A. L. Moody, T. F Hendon, W. L. Stanley, and C. A. Womble. Alternates—Shelby Grisham, Thos. Gibson and Arthur Grissom.

Russellville, A. W. Briscoe, Morris Orman, N. C. Greenhill, Peter Clay and W. A. Quillen.

Cherokee, W. N. Normore and W. M. Whitlock.

Okolona, Wm. Counts, H. L. Hargett, G L. Keenum. Alternates—J. J. McClung, J. M. Elledge and T. W. Gargett.

Riverton, W. E. Lancaster, W. M Ellis, J. F. Hurd and R. J. Moore.

Siloam, B. T. Rylant, J. H. Hargett. Alternates—E. S. Grisham and James Vaughn.

Valley Grove, E. A. Berry, J. M. Thomasson, L. D. Stevenson and W. C. Aycock.

Furnace Hill, O. E. Comstock, Sr.

Liberty, A. P. O'Dell, A. S. Patterson, J. H. Wilson and J. M. Roberts.

Sheffield, A. J. Ivie, Miss Lucie Ivie and Arthur Nash.

Bethel, Rev. Isaac Bradford, W. M. Holliman and Joe Ayers. C. M. Kirby, Alternate.

Pleasant Hill, T. W. Denton, M. A. Thompson and Lum Enlow.

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Leighton. This letter was sent to the Moderator, asking that it be presented to the Association for admittance. This was done by Moderator reading letter before this body. It was then moved and carried that the Leighton Missionary Baptist Church be admitted to membership with this Association, with the following statistics: Membership on roll 12. Delegates, Mrs. Wm. Ricks, Sr., A. P. Masterson and Jno. Q. Aycock. Pledges, 75c. for minutes this year and

$10 for Associational purposes for the year 1901. The prayers of the Association were asked for by petitioners that they may be and remain strong in the Faith.

A. P. Masterson, } Petitionary
Jno. Q. Aycock, } Committee.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES.

Delegates from the following Associations were invited to seats in this Association and asked to participate in its deliberations:

Tishomingo Association, Miss. Miss Martha Dugger was recognized as a delegate from this Association, and with her ever ready helping hand and voice, she was indeed an acquisition to the Association at this time. May Heaven's richest blessings attend her

Muscle Shoals. Brother Johnson, from Trinity, Ala., was admitted to a seat with us and asked to participate in the deliberations of this body.

Florence. Bro. Hall, of Florence, Ala., was recognized by the chair, and asked to use his wisdom in behalf of this Association, and to disseminate with the use of his vocabulary to the good of Colbert Association. In loving words of greeting, Bro. Moderator, in behalf of the Association welcomed the visitors to a seat and deliberations with this body.

VISITORS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Florence Association—A. L. Moody, C. A. Womble, J. M. Roberts.

Muscle Shoals Ass'n.—J. M. Roberts and A. J. Ivie.

At this time it was moved and carried that any member of this Association visiting any other Association, be, and the same is, hereby considered a delegate from this Association.

COMMITTEES.

Devotional: Pastor Lancaster and his deacons, C. A. Womble and G. L. Keenum.

Finance: Bros. Greenhill, W. N. Normore, Jno. McClung and A. L. Moody.

State of Religion in the Churches. Bro. W. E. Lancaster.

Deceased Ministers: J. M. Roberts.

Letters and Documents: T. F. Hendon.

Twentieth Century Movement: A W. Briscoe, T. F. Hendon and C. A. Womble.

North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School: A. W. Briscoe, W. E. Lancaster and C. A. Womble.

Time and Place of Next Meeting of Association: W. L. Stanley, Bro. Wilson and C. M. Kirby.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read before this body by its chairman, A. J. Ivie, and it was moved and carried that it be received and filed for discussion.

Bro. Ivie spoke from the report standpoint regarding the employing of Missionaries for destitute places, but take care of what we already have and build them up and let them radiate, and the influence from these churches will spread abroad, and greater harvest will ultimately be the result. He also spoke of the Colportage work—that pastors should be the superintendents of this work in their field of labor. Bro. Lancaster read in connection with this Executive Committee report on colportage, quite an intelligent paper on this subject, after which he proceeded to set forth his ideas on this very important work that ought to be done in all churches. Judge Moody was granted the floor and he spoke fluently in behalf of Colportage work.

Bro. Ivie, reading part of report again, the suggestions in this report reasserting the ideas of the Executive Committee report.

Bro. Roberts was permitted to speak, and in part he said that he thought that the pastors who had under his charge four churches could get more work done and build up the Churches better than what we have already done in our Associatinn.

Bro. Hendon was granted the floor and he spoke of the three brethren organizing a church at Barton and no representation from it. What was the matter? His position was that we were not able to pay.

Bro. Ivie thought that the three brethren had done the very best they could under the existing circumstances. Hendon suggested at this point to let the pastors confer with the Executive Board and see who could and how much could be done in these destitute places, that the Executive Board should call the pastors of this Association together.

Bro. Ivie's idea is to employ two men in the Association for all their time, etc. The discussion at this point was brought to a close by a motion to lay the report of the Executive Committee on the table, to be taken up with the Associational Missions Report.

Bro. Ivie at this time offers his two reports in connection with the report of the Executive committee just discussed, to-wit:—Report on "Baptist Field Worker" and on "Missionary Colportage Work." Moved and carried that the above reports be received as supplements to the Executive Committee report.

A motion to adjourn till 7:30 o'clock p. m. was in order and carried.

7 30 P. M.

After Devotional Services conducted by the Rev. T. F. Hendon, Bro. Moderator called the convention to order, and the following business was had: The chair appointed Bro. Hendon assistant to the clerk, and the following Church letters were read, giving their statistics and works for the past twelve months to-wit:

Tuscumbia, Sheffield, Liberty, Okolona, Bethel, Valley Grove, Siloam, Riverton. The Russellville Letter asked to stand over till the following day, but for the entertainment of delegates present, and for assignment of homes, the delegates names were given by Bro. Briscoe, which will be seen in the enrollment of delegates. Just at this point Bro. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Florence, Ala., arose from his seat amidst the fair sex, and spoke some beautiful words in praise of the Riverton church, eulogizing its members for the beautiful house they were keeping to worship the Master in, and how much comfort there was for the delegates and visitors to assemble in so well prepared Church and with such chivalrous hospitality. Beautiful praise, Bro. Hall. Bro. Hendon at this point asked to be recognized by chair. which was granted. He stated that Miss Quissenberry, of Virginia, was with us, in behalf of "Woman's Missionary Work," under the auspices of the State Board of Missions.

Miss Quissenberry was recognized by the chair with welcome greetings.

She stated that the work being done by her was organizing "Woman's Missionary Unions" in all the churches in the bounds of the State Board of Missions, and that she wished to meet at some special appointed time all the ladies of Riverton Church and visiting ladies from other churches, that she might enlist a cooperation from them in this work. At this time Mrs. Dr. Ellis requested her to meet with all ladies at her home, in her parlors, Friday at 2 p. m. This was satisfactory and accepted by Miss Quissenberry.

A communication directed to the Moderator of Colbert Association, Riverton, Ala., was read before this body, and the same reads as follows: The Board of Trustees of the North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute passed the following resolutions at a recent meeting:

"Resolved, That the Colbert Association be requested to co-operate with us in the support of the North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School."

If your body should adopt this school as in past years it will be entitled to representation on the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully,

Sept. 12, 1900. Jos. SHACKLEFORD, Secretary.

After the reading of the above communication it was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to select a representative Trustee from this Association, and under the head of committees appointed will be found the names of the committee. Also the name recommended for trustees will be found appended to the report on Education.

After singing a sweet song, it was moved and carried that we adjourn till Friday morning, Sept. 14, and re-assemble at nine o'clock. The benediction was then pronounced by the Rev. W. E. Lancaster.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14, 9 A. M.

Promptly at nine o'clock this a.m. this body assembled in its usual way. Devotional service was conducted by Bro. Cabaniss, of Selma, Association, a recognized delegate and visiting member from this Association.

After Devotional service, Bro. Moderator called the meeting to order and the following business was transacted:

The chair called for any other letters that might have been delayed the day previous. A statement from Bro. Normore, delegate from the Cherokee Church, that their Church Letter had been prepared, but the delegate in charge of Letter as yet had not brought it in. Bro. Comstock at this time handed in his report from Furnace Hill Church, which was read and filed, and a few touching remarks were made by this brother, who it seems to us, is the only member of this Church that cares anything about the Lord's work in this part of His vineyard. He seems to stand alone, but with that zeal of the

Great Iron Wheel he roles along—a purpose to crush out sin and shame.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This report was called for by moderator and Judge Moody as chairman of same read quite an interesting paper on this subject, after which, while the great map was before him he made an intelligent speech in which from time to time he pointed to the map with reference to the countries traversed by the Missionaries from the Southern Baptists. This was a great speech and earnest listeners prevailed throughout.

It was moved and carried that this report be received and that all Mission reports be received and discussed at same time.

The following reports received:

Foreign Missions, A. L. Moody, Chairman; State Missions, Peter Clay, Chairman; Home Missions, W. E. Lancaster, Chairman; Associational Missions, O. E. Comstock, Sr., Chairman.

At this time it was moved and carried that each speaker on the different subjects of missions be allowed 15 minutes in which to make his speech. Bro. Hendon granted the floor and he spoke with great power and emphasis on Foreign Missions, making some fine points in favor of the same.

Bro. Hall, of the Florence Association made quite a fine speech on Foreign Missions, giving statistics as to the number of Baptists in 1814, coming down to present time, and what they had done for Foreign Missions. His speech was full of good informatron and will be of great and lasting instructions to every one who listened to this beautiful missionary talk.

Bro. A. W. Briscoe arose and was recognized by the chair. He spoke of Foreign Missions with feeling and pathos, and our pulling off from the Muscle Shoals Association and what they were doing before our Association came out from them—how much we were giving when with them for Foreign Missions and how much we are giving now in our precious Colbert Association. "I feel proud of my Association and what we have done for missions."

Bro. Hendon was again admitted to the floor and granted five minutes more to speak in defense of his position as to missions of all causes, offering his two missionary maps to the Association.

Bro. Peter Clay was then recognized by the chair, and he spoke,

giving his position as to State and Home missions, and he said, "I left it open in my report so that home missions might be favorably discussed."

Bro. Hall, of Florence Association, permitted again for a few minutes to speak of the great number of Baptists who do not and will not do their duty in giving, that they needed education along this line in abundance.

Bro. Roberts was admitted to the floor by the chair, and he said in part that he wanted to say how he stood on missions. He spoke in favor of increasing gifts for the home mission cause, and made quite an elaborate argument for Associational missions, and said that he believed that he could answer for the Association and say at this time that it would give more than ever before to this glorious cause.

Bro. Comstock was permitted to the floor, and in part he spoke of home missions, relating a few circumstances of destitution that come now and then under his personal observation and assistance, how he had buried some from the homes of the poor, and how sadly the help was needed from the home and state board, and no help had been received.

Bro. Cabaniss, from Selma Aasociation was granted the floor, and he spoke well, giving quotation after quotation from the Bible on the subject of giving, how important this great subject was to all Associations; giving to Home and Foreign missions, "in what measure ye mete the same measure shall be meted unto ye again." This was a powerful speech and full of Scriptural meat for those who are selfish and live only for themselves.

Bro. Hall at this point arose and with the permission of the chair presented the claims of the "Foreign Mission Journal," and said that Miss Quisenberry was authorized to receive subscriptions. A few minutes of recess was given by the chair; and many took advantage of this and subscribed for this wonderful journal. Calling the Convention to order, the Moderator stated that pledges at this time would be received from Churches and individuals.

CHURCH PLEDGES.

Leighton church	$ 10 00
Okolona	15 00
Valley Grove	10 00
Russellville	100 00

Sheffield	50 00
Tuscumbia	100 00
Bethel	10 00
Riverton	15 00
Liberty	10 00
Siloam	10 00
Cherokee	10 00
Cash contribution paid treasurer	6 32
Making a total of	$346 32
Individual pledges	84 32
Grand total	$420 64

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

Dr. Ellis	$ 5 00	Judge Moody	$ 5 00
A. J. Ivie	5 00	W. L. Stanley	5 00
Mrs. Ross	5 00	W. E. Lancaster and wife	5 00
A. W. Briscoe and wife	5 00	Bro. Greenhill and wife	2 00
Bro. Reeves	1 00	Peter Clay	1 00
Bro. Hurd	1 00	Dr. McWhirter (paid)	1 00
C. M. Kirby	1 00	Mrs. Davis	1 00
Miss Mollie Grisham	1 00	T. F. Hendon	10 00
J. M. Eledge	1 00	Mrs. J. M. Roberts (paid)	1 00
Sheffield B. Y. P. U.	5 00	O. E. Comstock	15 00
C. A. Womble	1 00	W. E. Aycock	5 00
Cash contributions paid treasurer			2 32
Making a total of			$84 32

At this point the offer of Bro. Hendon to let the Association have the two missionary maps for $7 00 was agreed upon and it was moved and carried that the Association receive the two maps from Bro. Hendon, thereby liquidating his pledge of $10.

Motion to adjourn till 2 p. m. was in order and carried.

TWO P. M.

Association re-convened. Devotional services conducted by Bro. Wm. Whitlock, after which Bro. Moderator called convention to or-

der and the following business transacted: Moved and carried that the following reports be received as read and discussed, to-wit:

Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State Missions, Associational Missions.

Moved and carried that the report of the Executive Committee be received as reported. Report on Baptist Field Worker, supplement to Executive Committee, be received as reported by A. J. Ivie, Manager. Moved and carried that the report of the Missionary Colporture be received as reported. Moved and carried that the report on Orphan's Home be received as reported.

After the reading of the report on Orphan's Home, short and tender loving talks were made by Brethren Hendon, Ivie, Briscoe, Roberts, Greenhill and Rylant, and from the swaying to and fro of the emotional powers, welling up in the hearts of the congregation one could see that the tender chord had been touched, and that an outburst must soon follow, when just at this time Pastor Lancaster arose and said that a widow of his congregation had a quilt that she wished to sell in order to get a little money to send to the Orphan's Home. A motion was offered that we redeem the quilt and return it to the widow, and when this was agreed upon, Bro. Moderator said to the congregation that all who now wished to help redeem this quilt might come forward and lay their money on the table. I think every one in the house contributed, and when the money was counted out there was $10.50.

The report on Education read by Bro. T. H. Johnson, of Trinity, was received as reported, and the following brethren took part in the discussion of this subject, to-wit: Lancaster, Roberts, Hendon, and Comstock. It was then moved and carried that the report be received with the committee's report on nomination for trustee, which was ordered attached to the report.

REPORTS.

Report on Colportage was read by C. M. Kirby, chairman; it was then moved and carried that it be received as reported.

The Report on Sunday Schools was asked to be laid on table till 7:30 o'clock p. m. when the discussion of Women's Mission Work will be reported on by Miss Quissenberry.

DELEGATES.

At this time the following delegates were appointed by Moderator:

State Convention:—O. E. Comstock, Sr., J. M. Roberts and A. J. Ivie. A. W. Briscoe alternate to Comstock.

Southern Baptist Convention:—A. L. Moody, T. F. Hendon and C. A. Womble.

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

The report on Letters and Documents was moved and carried that the same be received as reported. At this time the Letter of Pleasant Hill was received and the same will take its place with the other letters. A motion to adjourn was offered and carried, that we adjourn till 7 p. m. Benediction by Bro Hendon.

SEVEN P. M.

After Devotional Service, held by Bro. Cabaniss, Bro. Moderator called the re-convening of the Association, and the following business transacted:

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Under this head a letter from Bro. W. A. Turnage, a former pastor of Riverton, directed to Brother and Sister Ellis, which reads in part: "Please give my love to the brethren and sisters of our Association, and tell them while I am absent in person I am with them in Spirit, and pray God's richest blessings on you and your dear companion with them. Your Friend and Brother,

W. A. Turnage, Armond, Texas."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

The re-appointment of the Executive Committee was at this time given to the Association by Bro. Moderator, and the names are as follows: A. J. Ivie, President; Dr. W. M. Ellis, Peter Clay, Jno. Q. Aycock, A. L. Moody, R. W. Hennigan, W. N. Normore, Walter L. Stanley.

REPORTS.

Report on Woman's Societies was read by Miss Quissenberry. Moved that it be received as reported, Bro. Briscoe was asked to

speak on this subject. Bro. Briscoe made quite a nice talk, and was very enthusiastic in his remarks favoring the Missionary Union. He spoke of the little work of men compared to that of women in the Churches. "What great work the women have done in the past! Judging the future by the past, there will be in the next decade wondeaful work done by the women.

Bro. Hendon was asked to be heard from. He spoke a short time, eulogizing the women for their many good works in the church. At this point Bro. Moderator stated that the quilt that was offered to the Orphan's Home this morning and was redeemed by the congregation. was again offered by the widow, and again, at once, it was moved that the congregation redeem the quilt, which was done, and donations to the amount of $10.16 were placed in the hands of Pastor Lancaster for the Riverton church as its donation to the Orphan's Home.

Moved and carried that the report on Women's Missionary Work be received as reported.

The Sunday School Report that was laid on the table from the 2 p. m. work was at this time taken up and speeches were made.

Bro. Roberts made some fine points relative to the work in Churches. Also Bro. Comstock spoke with great emphasis. Bro. Lancaster spoke on Woman's Missions and Sunday School work in connection, and said he was sorry the two subjects were so close together. His speech on the subject was quite edifying.

Bro. J. W. Dunaway from Cahaba Association among other things said in his talk on Missions and Sunday School that he wanted the Bible taught above every other thing when you have the Great Book for authority, and go according to it you will make no mistakes." This man is a giant physically and intellectually. He seems the very soul of honor, love and goodness.

Moved and carried that the Report on Sunday Schools be received as reported.

SEPT. 15, 8 A. M.

Devotional Services held this a. m. by Rev. Hendon, after which the Moderator called a meeting of Executive Committee, in which they discussed the advisability of a Central Committee, and it was finally left to the best judgment of the Executive Committtee for some future day.

After above meeting the Moderator took up the general work. At this time the letter of Cherokee was presented and the same was read by its pastor, W. E. Lancaster, and it was ordered that it take its place with other letters already presented.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

This Report was read by Judge Moody, and it was moved and carried that it be received and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

This report was read before this body and it was moved and carried that it be adopted.

REPORT SHEFFIELD SUNBEAMS SOCIETY.

This report was read before this large congregation by little Arthur Nash—a man, every inch of him. It was moved and carried that it be received and adopted.

REPORT OF TUSCUMBIA SUNBEAMS.

This report was given in by Rev. Hendon, and it was moved and carried that it be adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

This report was read by Rev. T. F. Hendon, after which it was moved that it be received.

After the motion to receive the report, Bro. Hendon said many things in behalf of temperance. He was very slow and pointed in his remarks, something unusual for him, but they were to the mark with naked facts pertaining to whisky, the CURSE OF CURSES.

Bro. Lancaster was granted the floor. In part he said: "A man should have a genuine case of religion, then he would need no talk on Temperance. He is not in favor of turning a member of the Church out for the first drunk, but if repeated, withdraw fellowship from him. His talk was grand.

Bro. Comstock, the Cyclonic defender of Temperance, was granted the floor, and in his remarks he does not wince his words, nor does he use emotional language in handling the dispencers of this "hellfire," but his remarks are full of hard facts and illustrations of this "damnable traffic."

Bro. Briscoe was granted the use of the floor, and his speech was

filled with the reasons we could not have prohibition. The most striking reason was in the local option law, and the negro with his vote against it all the time. He says that local option law will be the best for the country, but to get this the elimination of the negro vote will have to be brought about first."

Bro. Hendon accepted the floor, and he spoke well, giving many illustrations of the evils of intemperance. He drew some comparisons, and among others one at Warrior Station, Jefferson County, which was a telling incidence, and truly it was greatly in favor of the Temperance cause.

Bro. Dunaway received recognition from the chair, and spoke some little time. He explained his position towards Intemperance and the negro. In part he said: "Make a Christian out of the negro and you will make a temperance man out of him." His talk on this subject was far above the average for good horse sense and logic.

Bro. Cabaniss, of Selma, made a wonderful speech, emphasizing every word with great weight, shaking from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet, with Spiritual fire. He could well be called the "Spiritual Fire-brand."

All discussions over, Bro. Moderator asked, "What will we do with the subject? It was then moved and carried that the report be received as reported.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

This report was read by its chairman and it was moved and carried that the same be received as reported.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

The report on deceased ministers was read by the chairman of this committee, and it was moved and carried the same be received as reported.

REPORT ON NEW CENTURY MOVEMENT.

This committee reported, and its chairman read the report, and the motion to receive same carried, and the report was adopted as read.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

This report was presented by its chairman, and read before the large congregation, and a motion to receive it as read carried.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

This report was read by the clerk, and it was moved and carried that the same be received.

At this time Brother Moderator asked that the Report on Resolution of Thanks be received by a rising vote, which was done, and while we stood and sung that beautiful and pathetic song, "God be With You Till We Meet Again," the parting hand-shake was extended by Bro. Moderator, and as the Spiritual fire began to kindle, there was hand-shaking and "God bless you" offered from almost the entire assemblege, and as the body moved and swayed to and fro, a good sister came shouting and shaking hands, with many blessings from her, praying God's blessings to be heaped upon the Saints. And when the solemn words from the Moderator came, "I now declare this Association adjourned till we shall meet with Bethel church in September, 1901," the Benediction was pronounced by the Church's pastor, Bro. W. E. Lancaster, and as we passed out from the Church, we said Good-bye to many, and hurried on to board the train for our respective homes.

All have said that this was the best meeting that the Colbert Association has had, and we know that few people know how to entertain like the good Saints of Riverton. But this Association will continue to grow Spiritually, numerically, and financially, and by the time big Bethel shall call for us, and when we shall have been with them, our praises for the saints there will reach high up, even more than ever before. AMEN.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION.

We are glad to note the progress in education the State of Alabama is making. We are glad, also, to know that the different denominations of the State are advancing in this interest. But, above all, are we glad to know that "that denomination which has never been able to trace a Jewish Church" is leading in this enterprise.

We recommend the Trinity High School for our boys and girls who would be prepared for college. And for those further advanced —boys, East Lake, Ala.; for girls, The Judson, Marion, Ala.; and the A. C. F., Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Brethren, as Baptists we ought to support these colleges, and preserve the good name which comes to us from our fathers.

J. H. Johnson.

TRUSTEE.

We, your committee on Nomination, respectfully recommend the name of C. A. Womble as trustee of the N. A. B. I. at Trinity.

A. W. Briscoe.

Associational Missions.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following. We are pleased to note that our Association has been doing some good work along the line of Associational work, and the Executive Board has looked after destitute places. The pastors of the Churches have generously given of their time in meetings held at said points.

Our Missionary has been of great help in the Association. We find the great need of more help from our brethren and sisters in spreading the Gospel and assisting in the Associational work.

Fraternally submitted,

O. E. Comstock, Sr.

Standing Committees.

Foreign Missions.—Rev. T. F. Hendon, R. W. Hennigan, and John McClung.

Home Missions.—Rev. O. E. Comstock, W. N. Normore, and J. H. Hurd.

State Missions.—Rev. A. W. Briscoe, W. E. Aycock, and Paul Masterson.

Associational Missions.—Rev. J. M. Roberts, Bro. Wilson, and C. M. Kirby.

Baptist Orphanage.—A. L. Moody, Peter Clay, and M. Odell.

Education.—W. L. Stanley, J. Q. Aycock, and B. T. Rylant.

COLPORTAGE.—Rev. W. M. Whitlock, Bro. East Berry, and G. L. Keenum.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Rev. W. H. Austin, Henry Carter, and J. W. McDaniel.

TEMPERANCE.—Judge R. J. Moody, Shelby Grissom, and I. M. Nash.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee on State of Religion report as follows: The letters from the Churches show advance for the better. The glad tidings of great joy they bring us greatly encourages us, believing the Lord is blessing our efforts.

So, believing this, we feel more determined to press forward in the future by the help of our Kind Father to build up His cause in our midst. W. E. LANCASTER, Chairman.

DECEASED MINISTERS

Your committee on Deceased Ministers would submit the following report: It is our sad duty to record the death of Rev. Joe Vincent, the oldest minister in connection with us. He died in Memphis in June last. He had been connected with the work in North Alabama for more than fifty years, but he is gone, and we humbly bow in submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

J. M. ROBERTS, Chairman.

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, beg leave to report as follows: Not having been able to ascertain the workings of our State Missionaries only as last reported, being in a flourishing condition and reported out of debt. We therefore hope that said enterprise is still on a solid basis and doing a grand work in places of destitution within our state. But we believe that Associations within our State should supply places of destitution within their bounds, as they are better acquainted with same than State Boards, and thereby accomplish a greater amount of good for the glory of our Master.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER CLAY, Chairman.

ORPHAN'S HOME.

How often have I seen the word Orphan! It has been ringing in my ears ever since the day I can first remember of knowing anything definitely of the human race. And when there is added to this earth under our observation many orphans yearly we think of the home prepared for them by the Great throbbing heart, whose love is always Supreme.

And then there is yet a little while that these orphans must battle with this cold charity world, and become, as it were useful or perverted souls. And as we look upon our Orphans' Home at Evergreen Ala., we can but exclaim with love and pride: What a wonderful love God has put into the hearts of the Alabama Baptists, who have built and fostered this great orphan family home, and the many little ones rescued, possibly, from cold and hunger, from a life of misery and shame, to rest under the shadow of His everlasting wing. Yes, nurtured, strengthened, loved and guided by that tender-hearted man, our brother, George Stewart, of the Orphans' Home. We were sorry to see so little money paid by our Association for this cause in our last meeting, but we feel sure that when the finance committee shall make up its report in this meeting, our treasurer will have the pleasure of recording a great amount to its credit. I notice that in our own little Church letter (Tuscumbia) that we have paid more this year than all the Association together paid last year.

Almost any church will be more than glad to contribute to this worthy cause, if its claims were only set forth by the pastor, or by its worthy laymen. Who of us will stand by deaf to the appeals: and see the orphans of Evergreen, see those little upturned faces, angel like: those little tender hearts pleading with you, saying, Come over, our brother, come over and help us. Is there a Baptist in the hearing of my voice who will not respond to this appeal? No, I know there is not, for God has left them here for you and for me, to test our love for Him, saying to us in the tenderest of words "Feed My lambs."

I do not know how many little orphans there are in Bro. Stewart's family, nor is it necessary for me to know, but thank the Lord, He has put it into my heart to help these little ones, and I am going to do it so long as there is an orphans' home in our land. Brother, sister, won't you help too? Won't you, delegates, when you return to your home churches, tell them there about the little orphans? Won't you please ask your Church to remember the Orphans' Home? It's our home; they are our orphans. I know you will, and when we come together again, there will be in each letter something for our little orphans.

Just the other day, while I was grieving over the death of a very dear sister, the little two-year-old girl was playing around me, and as she looked up and saw me not able to keep back the tears, she came quickly to me and climbed up, put her arms around my neck, kissed me, then brushed with her little hand the tears from my eyes. I thought, Oh, little one, how soon 'twould be that some one would

kiss away the tears from those bright eyes? Will you help to trace away the tears from our bright eyes down there? Will you? Will you?

C. A. Womble, Chairman.

COLPORTAGE.

We, your committee on Colportage are glad to report that we have made considerable advancement in this line of work and recommend that we continue the work, and if possible on a large scale, as we are sure that much good will result from this work.

Respectfully submitted, C. M. Kirby.

Letters and Documents.

We, your committee on Letters and Documents, have examined the various church letters from all churches represented at this session of the Association.

We find that from the 16 churches in the Association only 9 have letters, which is only half of the entire number. The letters show a very great increase in conversions over last year. The number of baptisms reported from the 9 churches represented is 120. This gratifying increase shows a Spiritual growth which is essential to the upbuilding of God's cause. We note there has been a decided increase in most of the Churches. Some, however, show no increase.

Not only has there been a very decided increase in conversions, but there has been a very gratifying increase in contributions to missions, the entire amount contributed by the 9 churches represented being $486.79. This proves that God will honor liberality, and that the more we give, the more we will receive. We find that Liberty Church invites the next session of the Association next year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. Hendon.

Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School is "The Church at Work." Though the word Sunday School itself is not in the Scripture, yet the Lord said: "Suffer the little chlldren to come unto me and forbid them not." Again we find where He brought little children to Himself and blessed them. Therefore the Sunday School is the Church at work bringing the little children within teachings of the Scriptures. Not only this, but the Sunday School is a Bible School, and it is the purpose that this school should reach the older people of the community. We are glad to note that most of our churches have such a school. It is an evidence of the Spiritual condition of the Church. Let every Church see that a live Sunday School be kept up as far as possible for 12 months in the year.

While a good showing as to Sunday Schools is made in our Association yet there is a lack of interest manifested in our state, as the following statement will show:

"The following figures given in round numbers give a glimpse of the status of our work: Churches 1700; Sunday Schools 800. Enrollment of Church members, 125.000 In our Sunday Schools we find only 40,000. It is apparent that there confronts us a problem demanding earnest and careful consideration."

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. Rylant.

TEMPERANCE.

The whiskey traffic is the most powerful agent for evil now operating in human society. It is one of the many agencies of the devil that are doing great damages to both body, mind, and society. It encourages vice, dishonors God, and destroys the better nature of mankind. This great evil ought not to exist.

One only has to look around on every hand to see the terrible influence this awful traffic is wielding in our beloved land. We find that it is dragging down to ruin and hell the young men and in many instances young ladies and girls of this and other countries. It is the birthplace of almost every evil now existing. Therefore, every Christian should be against this business in every reasonable and proper way They should not only give moral support, but march to the ballot box armed with their votes against the great destructive evil now so prevalent in our land. Respectfully submitted,

T. F. Hendon.

NEW CENTURY MOVEMENT.

We, your committee, recommend that a New Century Movement be held, beginning Friday, before the Fifth Sunday in this month (September) with Valley Grove Church, and that program be made and speakers announced and published in the Alabama Baptist and county paper. Respectfully submitted,

T. F. Hendon, A. W. Briscoe, C. A. Wombee.

SHEFFIELD SUNBEAMS SOCIETY.

Sheffield Sunbeams Society organized May, 1900, with 18 members. Since our organization 4 have been added to our number. Our president, Shirley Brown; treasurer, Anna Foster; secretary, Dora Williams; lady manager, Mrs. Ivie. We are trying to help our Church. We have in our treasury $5 for Church expenses. We have had one entertainment, took a collection. of course, that's our aim. We are strong in number, and we do pray that we may be able to

accomplish much good in the Master's cause. We send to represent us Arthur Nash. We pray that you may have a glorious meeting.

Sept. 9, 1900. DORA WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Pursuant to instructions from the Association held at Siloam Church, your committee considering the advisability of inaugurating a more efficient system of Mission work in the bounds of the Association, employed Rev. W. A. Turnage for one-forth of his time at a salary of $175 to work as Associational Missionary, who did a good work in the Association until the last of April, at which time he resigned, submitting his report showing a balance due him of $47 50 for services. The church at Leighton is the result of his work in the East end. His work in the West end was equally appreciated.

We applied to the State Board of Missions to help in this work, and they gave us assurance of $100. We asked, and they gave us, instead of money, a credit with the Sunday School Board at Nashville for books and we have drawn on that credit to the amount of about $60.00 after deducting credits and discounts. The Sunday School Board in addition to this, donated a lot of Bibles, Testaments, Tracts, and other books, which have been distributed—the most of them gratuitously—where we thought they would do the most good. We believe the colportage work has been a good feature in our work this year, and would recommend its continuance in same way.

At the Fifth Sunday Meeting in December your Board decided it would be advisable to establish a paper in the interest of the Association and to this end the Baptist Field Worker, a monthly periodical published by O. E. Comstock at Sheffield was procured and a staff of editors, consisting of Rev. A. W. Briscoe, Editor in Chief; Rev. T. F. Hendon, Missionary Editor; and Rev. W. A. Turnage, Field Editor; with A. J. Ivie as Business Manage, and O. E. Comstock. Publisher, appointed to conduct the enterprise. It has not proved a financial success, but we believe it has been productive of as much good to the Association as any other one agency adopted. We would suggest that your next board be authorized to offer the Florence Association an interest in the Baptist Field Worker—for a consideration—or to arrange terms by which they can have the benefit of its circulation in their homes.

In June your Board elected Rev. A. J. Ivie to fill the vacancy caused by Bro. Turnage's resignation, at $45 per month. He has put in only a part of his time since, as you will see from his report.

We still have some books, Bibles, Tracts, and other supplies on hand which we are ready to turn over to our successors.

We were visited during the year by Brother Crumpton, who gave us some valuable suggestions as to the work and encouraged us to press forward. We are indebted to pastors for helpful suggestions and wise counsel.

And now, having finished the year's work, and being conscious that the results have not been all that could have been hoped—yet we feel that our labors have not been in vain—having been brought in contact with all the conditions and circumstances, we are of the opinion that a different method of proceedure would accomplish more than we have been able to under present methods. Therefore, we would most respectfully recommend your next Executive Committee be authorized to arrange with, say four, churches in the East end of the Association, let them agree with a pastor for all his time at a stipulated amount from each Church, and then let your board supplement this amount with a sum sufficient to keep these churches with a good pastor the entire year. Let this pastor be the Superintendent of the Colportage work in the territory contiguous to his work, selecting from each of these churches some member of good report to assist him in the work in their respective Churches. By this means he will be able to put more of his members to work and interest them in the development of their community.

Then let this same plan be pursued in the West End, and we are of the opinion that the influence radiating from these established points will penetrate into and reach further and quicker, the destitution than any other method we can adopt with the finances we control. Respectfully submitted, A. J. Ivie, Ch'm'n.

R. W. Hennigan, W. L. Stanley, J. Q. Aycock, P. Clay, Amos L. Moody, W. M. Ellis, Committee.

MISSIONARY COLPORTURE.

I began my work in this capacity under the appointment of the Executive Committee during the month of June. Owing to the short time I had to do my work in, I decided I could do more good and meet more people attending protracted meetings than in any other way, consequently I have not made a thorough house to house canvass as was my intention at first—although I have done some of that class of work—I have kept no record of the homes visited, of the services held, of the miles traveled, of the Bibles, books, and tracts given away or of the religious talks made. I only know that when opportunity offered I tried to improve it. The work has its sunshine and

shadows. The utter destitution of all classes of literature in some of the homes visited casts a gloom over the enthusiasm of the most sanguine, and yet the eagerness with which these homes seize on to the class of literature which we offer is encouraging and inspires one to greater efforts to reach all such homes. May God bless and prosper this department of work.

I append statement of funds collected and amounts due me:

Received on cash subscription to B. F. W.	$12.00
" " books sold for cash,	16.50
" from Treasurer of the Association,	19.39
	$47.89
By number of days work (63) at 45 per month,	$93.00
Balance due	45.11
Amount due for books sold and uncollected,	$32.20
" " on subscriptions to B. F. W. taken	7.75
	$39.95

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Ivie

HOME MISSIONS

Your committee on Home Missions beg leave to report as follows: Christianity in its nature is aggressive. The term Christian means to be Christ-like.

It is written: If any have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His. The Spirit of Christ is a Mission Spirit. The Spirit moved the Father to send His Son into the world to suffer and die for sinners. This same Spirit prompted the Son to give Himself a sacrifice for sin, to "taste death for every man." This same Spirit moved the Father to send the Holy Spirit into the world to convince the world of sin, of Righteousness, and of Judgment. This Spirit is the substance of the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." This Spirit is in the heart of every regenerated person, and God designed that every believer should be a co-worker with Him in the glorious work of saving souls. This is the work of the Church of God's people to-day to unite their forces to more effectually accomplish this work. The last report shows 671 Missionaries; 5,696 baptisms; additions to churches, 11,951.

The Great Special Need:—The greatest and most urgent of all needs is the need of some more effective plan for "eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the whole denomination in one Sacred effort for the propagation of the Gospel."

After fifty years, not half of all the Churches have been reached; nine-tenths of the membership give nothing. Until this problem is solved our denomination will continue simply to play with Missions and our God-given Baptist church polity will be discounted among men for its inefficiency. May God help our people to a systematic way of sustaining our Mission work. W. E. LANCASTER.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee on Woman's Work begs to offer as report on same the following circular letter from the Corresponding Secretary of W. M. U.:

DEAR SISTERS:—As members of churches that constitute the Southern Baptist Convention, we occupy, at this time, a position of peculiar responsibility. The 19th Century, memorable for progress in missionary work, is nearing its close, while the dawn of the 20th is almost here. Heirs of one, pioneers of the other, with the past uttering its solemn message, and the future beckoning us forward, shall we not "Be Ready" for every work which shall hasten fulfillment of our prayer "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done."

At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, a report was submitted by the "Committee on Observance of the Year 1900," in which occurred the following recommendation in reference to woman's work:

1. "That the Woman's Missionary Union * * * be especially requested to co-operate with this Committee in effort to induce every church to take regular collections and every member to make regular contributions."

2. "That it also be requested to co-operate in trying to make this observance of the year 1900 a success, as well as the more permanent work suggested of securing regular contributions."

The report was adopted, and by this action, the Southern Baptist Convention has made its first request of Woman's Missionary Union.

Two plans of work were suggested: First, for woman's consecration to the work of helping pastors to successfully carry out the plan for a New Century Meeting in every church. Second, that strong effort be made to increase the number of Woman's Mission Societies.

What pleasure we oft-times take in reviewing the history of Woman's Missionary Union! How great has been the growth, and how large the offerings from this organization which was brought into existence only twelve years ago! During that time, countless deeds of loving sacrifice have been made by the women of our South-land,

the record of which is kept by God alone, while $616,238 is the moneyed contribution to the work of the Home, Foreign, and Sunday School Boards. A sweet sense of peaceful happiness pervades the heart as we recall that through service as W. M. U. workers, we have become "laborers together with God," brought by self-denial into closer fellowship with Christ. But—let us not be tempted to dwell too long upon the mountain top of blissful experience.

Down in the valley, there is much work waiting to be done. Within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, there are 18,963 churches. Two-thirds of the membership are women, many of whom know not the joy of obedience to the Great Commission, having "no interest in missions." Not one tenth of the churches in some states have Mission Societies, while in Virginia where the women raise more for the Boards than in any other state, not one half the churches have woman's mission societies. Convincing proof that as yet we have only touched the border of that great land of promise which lies before us!

By the recent action of the Convention, and through the special requests of the Committe on Co-operation, another great door has been opened to us as helpers in God's Kingdom. On one side is written "Opportunity;" and on the other "Responsibility." Are we seeking to glorify God? Would we be as ministering angels carrying sunshine into the lives of those who know not the privilege of service? Is it our heart's desire that woman's work shall be placed upon a stronger basis than ever before? Then, let us gladly heed these appeals for woman's aid, and enter the open door. As we "Go Forward," may there come to each of us realization of the truth that unless we are filled with the Spirit, our efforts to win others will be fruitless.

"So, beloved, let us love so well,
Our work shall still be better for our love,
And still our love be sweeter for our work,
And both, commended, for the sake of each
By all true workers."

In service for the Master,

MRS. CHAS. A. STAKELY, President W. M. U.
ANNIE W ARMSTRONG, Cor. Sec. W. M. U.

N. B —The New Century Literature may be obtained by applying to Dr. J. M. Frost, Secretary of Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

BAPTIST FIELD WORKER.

The management of this enterprise was placed in my hands the first day of January, 1900, by your Executive Board with the understanding that it could not become a burden on the Association. The hope then was that our people would subscribe at once for the paper and we would be enabled to pay expenses. In this we were mistaken. The brethren present at the meeting at that time very generously furnished the money to pay the first month's expenses, and Russellville Church subscribed $10.00 cash and 50 subscribers at 25c each for the maintenance of the paper, and the Tuscumbia Pastor did the same. (See statement below.)

Rev. A. W. Briscoe has served faithfully as Editor-in-Chief without compensation. The management has been without charge. The publishing has been done at a cost of $10.30, except for March, which cost $15.45. (See statement.) The paper has been circulated through the medium of the Churches. Recently we have obtained a number of individual subscribers.

RESOURCES.

	Amt. actually paid.	
By amount paid Manager at Russellville,	$10 30	
" " " subscriptions,	13 75	
Amount of unpaid subscriptions,		$ 7 75
" " Russellville Church subscriptions,		22 50
" " Tuscumbia " "		22 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Jan'y	To am't p'd for pub. and mailing	$10 55
Feb'y	" " " " " " "	10 55
March	" " " " " " "	15 70
April	" " " " " " "	10 55
May	" " " " " " "	10 55
June	" " " " " " "	10 55
July	" " " " " " "	10 55
August	" " " " " " "	10 55

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. IVIE, Business Manager.

TIME AND PLACE.

We, your committee appointed to select the time and place for meeting of the Colbert Association in 1901, would suggest Thursday, before the third Sunday in September, with Bethel Church and sug-

gest Rev. T. F. Hendon to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Rev. A. W. Briscoe as alternate. Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Stanley, Chairman.
C. M. Kirby,
Bro. Wilson.

Foreign Missions.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report as follows:

This is a question of great magnitude, and calls for our aid and assistance in every possible way and not only our aid financially, but our condolence and great sympathy for our Missionaries, both male and female in the barbarous and sin-foreign land, China. We are all aware of the bloody war between the allied forces and the heathenish country, which is being waged, consisting of a population of 350 or 400 million which is almost solidly opposed to and strangers to Christianity. And we are also in possession of the fact that since the commencement of this war many of our American Missionaries, as well as those of other countries, of British especially have been murdered, about 93, while 170 others stationed in Chi Li and Shan Si Provinces, are unaccounted for, and it is reasonable to believe they have suffered the same fate. Before this war commenced, a good work was being done by our Missionaries in this field.

It does seem that this is an unholy war, but who knows but what God in His Providence is conducting it for purposes of His Glory; that it may disrupt and be the downfall of this mighty power of evil, and that after it shall have ended, the Chinese Dynasty will be known no more, and built upon its ruins governments which will recognize and worship the God we worship. Although this war has been a great detriment to the cause of Missions in China for the time being let us take courage from the words of our Great Leader, the Captain of our Salvation, when He says, "My Gospel shall be preached in all the world." Let us still contribute of our substance to further on the Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach My Gospel to every creature." There are other foreign fields besides that great field—China—which demand our attention, and our Missionaries are calling for help. Let us give a good share of our contributions to support our Missionaries abroad, of America, especially our own beloved Southland, who are doing a great work all along the line. The work done in the South during the last conventional year was the best in its history.

Let us take courage and move on, conquering and to conquer

through Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us, until Victory shall be inscribed upon His banner in all the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Amos L. Moody, Chairman.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, First, That this Association express its appreciation and thanks to the kind people of Riverton for the kind and royal entertainment given us during our short and happy stay in their midst.

Second, That the appreciation of the Association be expressed for the good management and work rendered by the Executive Board during the past year, promising our support in the future.

Third, That we pay our worthy secretary $10 for his services, and instruct him to have printed 300 minutes for distribution and have them printed by Nov. 1, 1900.

Treasurer's Report.

Amos L. Moody, Treasurer of Colbert Association, to amount received from Finance Committee, Sept., 1899:

On Hand Last Report	$ 33 68
Individual Pledges	22 00
Associational Missions	50 51
Home Missions	4 50
Foreign Missions	4 50
State Missions	2 00
Orphan's Home	4 00
Minute Fund	8 90
Ministerial Education	2 00
COLLECTED	
From R'ville per R J Moody	16 00
J. M. Orman for Missions	5 00
Liberty Church on Pledge	2 40
From R'ville per R J Moody	10 00
Sheffield for Ass'n Missions	15 60
Am't from Shef. on "	12 00
	7 39
	$200 48

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.	
O. E. Comstock for 1899	$ 5 00
J. R. Nesmith "	5 00
W. M. Normore "	1 00
G. L. Keenum "	1 00
J. M. Elledge "	1 00

CREDITS.	
W. M. Whitlock, S. as M.	$16 00
Bryce Ledbetter "	18 00
W. A. Turnage "	7 50
C. A. Womble, Clerk,	10 00
W. A. Turnage, Missionary,	20 00
Home Missions	4 50
Foreign Missions	4 50
State Missions	2 00
Orphans' Home	4 00
Ministerial Education	2 00
C. A. Womble, Postage, etc.	50
B. F. W., A. J. Ivie, B. M.	15 30
Bro. Comstock	10 30
"	20 60
"	10 30
Bro. A. J. Ivie as Salary	19 39
O. E. Comstock	10 30
Sept. 14, W. A. Turnage	47 50
Bro. Hendon for M. Maps	10 00
	$232 69
In Treas. Hands to Collect	17 77
	$250 46

CASH COLLECTIONS.

For Mission Meeting, 1900	6 32
For Orphans' Home, "	10 50
For 1900 from Bro. Hendon	10 00
From Riverton for O. H.	10 16
	$250 46

AMOS L. MOODY,
Treasurer.

A. J. IVIE, Moderator.
Sheffield, Alabama.

C. A. WOMBLE, Clerk,
Tuscumbia, Alabama.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Churches.	State Missions		Home and State Msis'ns		Foreign Missions.		Associational Missions.		Ministerial Education.		Educational Buildings & Incidentals		Orphan's Home.		Minutes.....	Pastor's Salary.....	Church Building and Repairs...	Current Expenses.....	Total ..... Contribution	Value Church Property. .....
	Cash.	Vouc.	Cash.	Vouc.	Cash.	Vouc.	Cash.	Vouc.	Cash.	Vouc.	Cash.	Vouc.	Cash.	Vouc.						
Bethel..							10 00								$ 1 00			6 45	17 45	900 00
Barton..																				
Cherokee.							3 20								35	100 00			103 55	500 00
Furnace Hill...							3 00								1 00				4 00	200 00
Liberty							9 00	2 40							1 29	57 50	12 20		82 39	500 00
Mt. Pleasant...																				
Mt. Stanley ...																				
Okalona..... ...							13 30							1 05	1 00	29 76			45 11	215 35
Pleasant Hill..															40				40	
Riverton			1 00	5 35									.75		1 50	150 00		5 12	166 72	500 00
Russellville.....		19 50		53 87	5 00	6 50	5 18	26 00	†12 00	5 00	5 00	17 19		§70 44	1 50				217 18	1800 00
Sheffield	2 95							†34 99				8 90		§52 75	2 00	§ 226 72	§ 83 22	16 50	447 11	1500 00
Siloam															70	49 50		3 89	64 09	500 00
Tuscumbia.....							10 00			12 00		11 65		10 75	3 33	495 65	500 88	59 70	1120 69	3000 00
Valley Grove..							8 78	1 22							75				10 75	
Total	2 95	19 50	4 00	59 22	5 00	6 50	62 46	64 61	12 00	17 00	5 00	37 74	75	134 00	14 82	1,109 13	596 20	91 74	2278 44	9615 35

† Sheffield Sundady-school paid $11.34. § Russellville Sunday-school paid $5.00. Russellville W. S. box $47.00. § Sheffield L. A. $45.55, $43.00 and $10.00.

AMOS L. MOODY, Chairman Finance Committee.